

**Resolution requesting the Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue generated by the tax levy for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County. (Commissioners)**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is currently levying a three-fourths (0.75) mill ten-year levy approved by the voters of the County on November 2, 2004 (the "2004 Levy"), commenced in 2005, and first collected in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Zoological Park Association (the "Zoo") has advised and notified the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County that the normal and customary percentage of the total General Fund appropriations within the ten-mill limitation for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County is insufficient, beginning January 2015 and thereafter, to provide an adequate amount of support of such zoological park services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the Zoo's request, the Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the County on the May ballot the question of an additional tax levy for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County at a rate not exceeding one and one-fourth (1.25) mills, to be in effect for a continuing period of time, upon the passage of which Franklin County would cease collection of the 2004 Levy; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by such a tax; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, having been advised and notified by the Zoo as to their needs for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities to residents of the County, declares that the

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amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin County, Ohio, will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for zoological park services and facilities as authorized in Ohio Revised Code § 307.76.

2. Based on the advice and notification by the Zoo and at its request, it is determined necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin County, Ohio for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.19(Z), and said levy to be at a rate of one and one-fourth (1.25) mills for each dollar (\$1.00) of valuation which amounts to twelve and one-quarter cents (\$0.125) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, to be in effect for a continuing period of time, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate of 2014, first collected in 2015; and that the question of levying said tax to be submitted to the electorate of Franklin County, Ohio, at the primary election to be held on May 6, 2014, as provided in Chapter 5705 of the Ohio Revised Code.
3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor. This Board hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional tax levy if approved by electors of the County.
4. All formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of the Board were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.